

Random Notes

Last week, Canada's House of Commons adopted resolutions to provide for the maintenance and administration of property bequeathed to the nation by the late R. H. W. D. McKenzie King, who died on July 22nd last year.

Two bills came before the House. The first concerns Laurier House, Ottawa home of Mr. King and his predecessor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It may be recalled that Laurier House was left to Mr. King by Lady Laurier in her will, and Mr. King provided a sum of \$225,000, the interest on which is to be used to assist in the maintenance and care as a place of historical interest for scholars.

Perhaps the most revealing of Mr. King's personality is contained in the reference included in his will—to Kingman's country residence, in which Mr. King had been purchased "my first acre or two of land at the side of Kinsmere Lake, and erected a small cottage there." Continuing, the will states: "I had not been long in office before I conceived the idea of acquiring sufficient land to make a country home for myself, to which I might retreat in a park which would be worthy of its location in the immediate vicinity of Ottawa, and which would be open to the public to my country as a thank-offering for the opportunities of public life which the people of Canada have given me."

Ultimately, nearly 600 acres comprised this property, now available to the nation with one exception. "That is," said the government of Canada will consider the possibility of setting aside a part of the Kinsmere property as a country home for the holder of the office of Prime Minister of Canada."

The second bill before the House, therefore, provided for the upkeep and administration of this property, thus fulfilling the desire of a public figure who can best be described as an idealist.

Quite a little time has elapsed since Prime Minister St. Laurent asserted that Canada was not at war, and whether or not he has now changed his mind has not been revealed to the public.

Anyhow, the presence of 6,000 men from Canadian battalions in Korea is an accomplished fact, and a casualty list of over a 100 men has been suffered by the only battalion as yet reported in action. Now, with the second determined attack by the Chinese upon Allied lines, the commitment of the whole brigade to the front line struggle is only a question of time.

In that event, it may confidently be foretold that any Canadian battalion suffers casualties to the extent of those inflicted on a British battalion during the first Chinese battle in April, many Canadian families will look for a letter from a very different viewpoint than that held down at Ottawa.

Complete details of the part played by the British Gloucester battalion are now available. United States authorities having lifted the censorship. Describing how the battalion was the United Nations line in its three day battle without giving an inch of ground, the bulletin states: "How many died there will not be known for months, but what they did there will be known as long as the 'brave men' are remembered."

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Women's Missionary Society

The regular meeting of the Delia Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. H. Sloan on May 17th.

Meeting opened by the singing of hymn No. 162, and prayer by Mrs. W. D. Fitzsimmons.

The Devotional was taken by Mrs. S. Sloan, reading from Hebrews, 11th chapter, followed by prayer.

Secretary's report was read and approved as read. A letter was read from Mrs. F. Sanberg, of the Michichi W.M.S., accepting the invitation to the June meeting.

Supper Secretary, Mrs. Robert Morrison, asked for used clothing, to be sent where needed. Articles to be left at Mrs. R. A. Macpherson's home.

Mrs. Morrison also explained about the Parcel Post Sale. Arranged by Mrs. S. Sloan, the W.M.S.-hold a tea and Parcel Post Sale on June 2nd, commencing at 2 p.m. in the church hall.

A Life Membership pin was presented to Mrs. M. Hall, who has been a member of the Delia W.M.S.

The Study Book was taken by Mrs. S. Thompson, fifth chapter of "The United Church of Canada in Japan," which was very interesting.

Roll call was "Faith."

Twelve members were present and three visitors. Collection was \$6.25.

The meeting closed by singing hymn No. 399, and the Mizpah benediction.

A social half hour was spent on May 18th, at the home of Mrs. H. Sloan, serving a light lunch.—Cos.

Wireworms in Gardens

Although heavy wireworm infestations are present confirmed to the Peace River district and to the central portion of the province, to some degree are reported from gardeners everywhere, says W. Lobley, Supervisor of Crop Protection, Alberta Department of Agriculture. The most familiar damage noticed is on potatoes. Here, the wireworms hole in the tubers and make them unmarketable as commercial product.

Every housewife has had trouble with wireworms in potatoes when peeling, and has had to throw away as much as half of the potato as a result of the damage.

To control wireworms in your garden plot, there are two or three things you can do, advises Mr. Lobley. In a small plot, wireworms may be trapped by planting cut potato pieces about 3 or 4 feet apart and 2 or 3 inches deep. This should be done as early in the spring as possible over the entire garden. Just before planting the garden crop, dig up these pieces, which will now have a large percentage of wireworms in them, and burn or feed to the dogs.

British reports give a more intimate story, and relate that after the men had been without food and water for eighty hours, their ammunition nearly gone, the colonel called his company commanders together and ordered them to form battle parties and try to get out five attempts to relieve them having failed. He himself, with the doctor, intended to stay with the nearly 200 stranded on stretchers, and are now listed as missing, presumed prisoners of war.

Muriel Millard



This is Muriel Millard, the French Canadian chanteuse who will be heard on the Rhythmic Delia show on the CBC Trans-Canada network for four weeks, starting on Friday, May 18th. In addition to her extensive radio experience, chiefly in Quebec, Miss Millard has also sung in television; she is one of the few Canadian singers who have been chosen to tour American cities, where she is known as "the French bombshell". Last year, the Montreal magazine, Radio Monte, picked her as the 1950 radio queen. Rhythmic Delia, a newcomer in the English language, has been heard on the CBC's French outlet for over a year and Miss Millard has been a frequent guest soloist. She has also been starring in a French radio show of Latin American songs.

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Obituary

Duncan Reid
Funeral services for the late Duncan Reid, old-timer of the Delia district, who passed away at his home in Edmonton on May 24th, at the age of 87 years and 7 months, were held in the Delia United Church on Monday, May 28th, at 2 p.m.

Rev. H. E. in Edmonton; one son, Emerson, in Edmonton; and three daughters, Mrs. C. Church, Delia; Mrs. M. C. Crawshaw, Brooks; Mrs. Harry Brown, Edmonton. There are also eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Baril was in the family plot, in the Delia cemetery, under the direction of the Park Memorial Funeral Directors of Edmonton. Honorary pallbearers were—Harry Balf, D. H. Campbell, James King, Frank Poole, W. J. Taber, and James King.

Active pallbearers were—W. D. Fitzsimmons, Stuart Sloan, Alex. Archer, Deville Sloan, Harold Miles, and Orville Carlson.

Barriers Object to Exotic Tax

Evidence that the 30 per cent exotic tax on bottled drinks has substantially reduced sales volume of Canadian soft drinks, was presented to the tenth annual convention of Canadian Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages in Winnipeg recently.

The convention unanimously decided to protest to Finance Minister D. C. Abbott against the tax, which amounts to one cent a bottle, and was levied last September.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. Strange
Director "The Crop Testing Plan"

An Extraordinary Season

In some ways this is an extraordinary spring season we now face on these prairies. For perhaps the first time on record farmers in a number of areas will be combining and threshing the remainder of last year's crop and sowing a new crop at the same time, something I believe that is quite unprecedented. Farmers fully expected to be able to harvest only in the spring before seeding started that part of the crop which remained in the swath and in the stock all the winter. We had the late snows made this impossible. Then the recent unusually heavy rains in Alberta and in part of Saskatchewan further delayed the harvesting of last year's crop and in addition delayed the seeding of the new crop. With our modern large-scale fast-moving seeding machinery the harvesting of last year's crop will be serious, but the harvesting of the remainder of last year's crop will present farmers undoubtedly with a very serious problem.

What should a farmer do? Use his time with the good weather to harvest the remainder of last year's crop or should he wait until the seeding of the new crop. Each farmer will have to make his own decision, but it will not be easy.

No Further Payment

There is now prospect of any further funds being paid by the Canadian government to the wheat growers on account of the first year crop. The statement was made by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent to a delegation representing the grain farm organizations of the west at the annual meeting in Ottawa last week. The delegation was headed by Roy C. MacIver, president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

A further payment was requested on the ground that some 100 million bushels of wheat were in storage (in consumption) in the period March 1, 1945 February 1, 1947 at a price 150¢ below the prices received from the United Kingdom. Consequently the claim was for \$45 million.

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"Prairie" is a term given to the early settlers to a mixture of native grass species. Generally speaking, the term "graze" wool" is used to describe the native grasses other than those in the bottom of the river. The crop is usually cut every second year in those areas which normally receive good moisture and is cut only in exceptionally good years in the drier parts of the province.

The grass species vary widely with the locality. For instance, in the shortgrass zone of Alberta, 15 to 20 species are common. In the mixed grass zone, 20 to 30 species are common. In the tall grass zone, 30 to 40 species are common.

Issues Warning Against Pest Control Poisons

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Cleaning Tractor Radiators

The cooling system of a tractor requires periodic cleaning and checking, says C. A. Cheabing, provincial extension agricultural engineer. As a guide to how often to perform this task, look at your radiator. If a thick scale has formed, your tractor will suffer the same way. To remove this accumulation, dissolve three pounds of washing soda in seven gallons of soft water. Operate this solution in the radiator with the cap off, until the water is hot. Drain the radiator and flush with soft water.

Before refilling the cooling system, check the thermostat, the water pump and the hose connections. Clean the radiator first so that the air can circulate freely. Check for air bubbles.

Advective In "The Delta Times."



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R.C.A.F. IS MARINE FORCE IN FLOOD TIME—When the Ottawa river, flooded by spring thaws, overflowed its banks and turned streets into canals, the R.C.A.F. station at Buckle, Ottawa, became an important and assisted the Red Cross and other agencies bringing relief to stranded families. Here Stewart Bayard of Vancouver, Aircraftman E. G. Boudreau, Quebec City and Aircraftman George McLaughlin, Victoria, pile an unfortunate family's furniture on an R.C.A.F. motor launch to take it to high and dry ground.



H.M.C.S. ONTARIO COLLECTS TROPHY—Commander H. F. Pullen of Oakville, Ont. (left), commanding officer of H.M.C.S. Ontario, is shown above as he receives the Ontario Shield from Commander J. P. Mullins, commodore of the Royal Nova Yacht club during the owner's call at Nova, in the Pug Islands, while en route to Australia. The Ontario sailors defeated the Nova Yacht club in a regatta, becoming the first challengers to capture the shield since it was put up for competition between the club and visiting ships of the Commonwealth 18 years ago.



LAST TRIBUTE TO LABOR LEADER—Thousands of Londoners turned out to pay their last respects to Ernest Bevin, labor leader, foreign secretary and lord privy seal. He died of a heart attack after a lengthy illness.—Central Press Canadian.



LIVING MAN IN A CONCRETE ABSTRACT—Man in the abstract in this photo becomes a concrete fact. The sculpture is one of the exhibits at Britain's Festival and the man in abstract happens to be one of the workers.—Central Press Canadian.



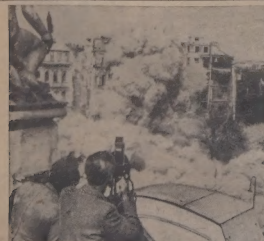
THE RACCOON WON—At the top of the tree is a raccoon and abiding up in his direction is John Pendergast, an Italian immigrant who arrived in Lakeside, Ont., recently. John knows something about raccoons now, as the animal managed to cause him to withdraw from the attack with nipped fingers. The raccoon then instantly escaped.



GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER, (right, backrow), stands in a group of officers of the U.S. Second Army cavalry regiment, which tank crews during light arms firing practice near Augsburg, Germany. His visit to the regiment's training grounds came during a four-day inspection tour of West Germany.



A WARM WELCOME FOR WOMEN WHO SAVED HIS LIFE—Miss Clara Trilling, internationally known espionage agent is seen as she was warmly greeted with a kiss and flowers by Major Kenneth Rogers upon her arrival in New York. Miss Trilling, the only woman in the U.S. to be awarded the medal of freedom upon recommendation of General Douglas MacArthur, operated a night club in Japanese-occupied Manila during the war from which she sent vital information to allies. Maj. Rogers, a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March, was saved because of truth information supplied by Clara who passed as an Italian espionage agent.



MAKING IT SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS—A novel man-in-foreground gets a close-up shot as 1,000 charges of explosives are set off to demolish the former general headquarters of the Austrian railways in the heart of Vienna. The building was hit by Allied bombs during the war and was in shaky condition, a constant menace to pedestrians.



DIPLOMAT BECOMES REBEL—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and his chief of staff, Gen. Alfred Gruenther, (right), join the ranks of a rebel general in the absence of Anthony J. Drexler, Jr., at S.H.A.F.E. Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe, in Paris. Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in the center, is the liaison officer between the Nations represented at S.H.A.F.E.



PREMIER PLAYS HOST TO INDIAN BOYS—Host to the visiting Black Hawk hockey team of Ojibway Indians from Sault Ste. Marie, Prince of Wales, Ontario, received the members of the national team. In his private office, the boys crowded around as he explained some of the problems of the day.—Central Press Canadian.



BRANCO FROM CANADA TO U.N.—Acting for the United Nations representative, U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, (right), thanks John W. Hinton, Canadian permanent representative to the United Nations, after the latter presented Lie with a cheque for \$5,000,000 from the Canadian government. Seven and one-half million is for Korea relief and the remainder is for Israel.—Central Press Canadian.



IT'S A PREFABRICATED IGLOO—A new type igloo called Igloo One, which has just been completed for the U.S. Air Force, is shown in Alaska. Note the size as compared with the auto and the man. It is made of specially compounded rubber and diversion and is 17 feet high. The structure will be used to enclose aircraft, wiring equipment being installed on Canada's Arctic rim. The "rubber house" is capable of withstanding 120-mile-an-hour winds. The dome measures 48 feet in diameter and requires over 1,200 pounds of rubber and 90 gallons of rubber cement.



THE HOLIDAY IS JUST A MEMORY—Like any other holidays, Princess Elizabeth extended her vacation as long as possible before returning home. Here is one of her last "holiday snapshots," taken in Rome just after her 25th birthday luncheon on April 21. Prince Philip, shown with her, remained at his Mediterranean naval post when she returned home.—Central Press Canadian.



WOMEN MINISTERS—These four young pretty women will be ordained as members of the United Church of Canada upon their graduation from Emmanuel College, Toronto, where they are completing their theological studies. Top row, Joan Bonfield of Hamilton, who attended McMaster University, (left); and Joan Bone of Rochester, N.Y., from Victoria University. Bottom row, Jack Preston of Hamilton, from Victoria University, (left); and Kathleen Christopher of Schenectady, Ont., from the University of Western Ontario. Women clergy in the United Church officiate at weddings, baptisms, funerals and give sermons at services. David A. D. Matheson of Emmanuel College says the women give promise of being effective members of the clergy.



WINTER WAS A TOUGH ENEMY—This photo, just released by the British Navy, shows the icy conditions in which the cruiser Kenya maintained her patrol of North Korean waters. The ship and others of the U.N. fleet operated in waters formerly considered un navigable in winter months.—Central Press Canadian.

